

# PHILOSOPHY

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## Philosophy at NMU

Philosophy courses are designed to make students aware of major philosophical questions, the alternative answers proposed by philosophers and the ways answers are achieved, and to assist students in developing a view of life. In addition, philosophy courses help students achieve the goals common to all liberal arts studies.

The department offers course work leading to baccalaureate degrees in philosophy and minor programs in philosophy, applied ethics and religious studies.

## Student Organization

- Student Philosophy Club

## Department/Program Policies

Students are strongly recommended to work closely with their academic advisers in order to create the best possible individual programs in their majors and minors and successfully meet all other requirements for graduation.

## BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM

*Liberal Studies:* Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the "Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements" section of this bulletin.

Courses within each major that can be used to satisfy liberal studies requirements are listed with the Roman numeral (in brackets) that coincides with the liberal studies division the course falls under.

## Philosophy Major

This major offers useful preparation for any career in which the abilities to comprehend difficult material and to think and write clearly and logically are important. The major serves as an excellent foundation for postgraduate work in law and theology as well as in philosophy itself.

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	<b>30-40</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Major</b>	<b>32</b>
PL 200 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy** [II]	4
PL 210 History of Modern Philosophy** [II]	4
<b>Philosophy Electives*</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Minor</b>	<b>20</b>

\*16 credit hours of 300-level courses are strongly recommended but not required.

\*\*Recommended but not required.

Note: Students may substitute up to two courses from a different department to meet the major requirement in philosophy as long as they have a heavy philosophical content.

Any substitution must have the written approval of the student's adviser and the head of the department. A copy of the substitution(s) will be sent to the Degree Audits Office by the department.

## MINOR PROGRAMS

### Applied Ethics Minor

A minor in applied ethics provides students with a strong background in a number of business and medical fields. It is an excellent complement for students majoring in business and nursing, or for students in the pre-medical program.

**Total Credit Required for Minor** 20

PL 180 Fundamentals of Ethical Theory 4  
 PL 310 Social and Political Philosophy 4

**Philosophy Elective** 4

*Choose from the following:*

PL 100 Introduction to Philosophy (4 cr.)  
 PL 200 History of Ancient and Medieval (4 cr.)  
 PL 210 History of Modern Philosophy (4 cr.)  
 PL 280 Philosophy of Religion (4 cr.)

**Ethics Electives** 8

*Choose from the following:*

PL 181 Issues in Business (2 cr.)  
 PL 182 Issues in Computer Ethics (2 cr.)  
 PL 183 Issues in the History of Ethics (2 cr.)  
 PL 184 Issues in Legal Ethics (2 cr.)  
 PL 185 Issues in Medical Ethics (2 cr.)  
 PL 186 Topics in Theoretical Ethics (2 cr.)

*Note: If needed, the student may include a course from another department that deals with the implementation of theoretical norms for a maximum of four credits. If an elective course from another department is used for the applied ethics minor, it must be chosen in consultation with either Professor David Cooper or Professor James Greene of the Philosophy Department.*

*When approved, the student's adviser will then file the name of the course with the Degree Audits Office.*

### Philosophy Minor

**Total Credits Required for Minor** 20

PL 200 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy *and/or* 4-8  
 PL 210 History of Modern Philosophy\* (4 cr.)

**PL Electives\*\*** 12-16

*\*Recommended but not required.*

*\*\*Eight credit hours of 300-level courses are strongly recommended but not required.*

### Religious Studies Minor

A minor in religious studies provides students with a strong background in religion and prepares them for graduate school in theology, religious studies and the seminary. It is an excellent complement to majors in history, sociology and English.

**Total Credits Required for Minor** 20

PL 280 Philosophy of Religion 4  
 LB 121 Western Values: Greeks and Bible *and/or* 4-8  
 EN 310 Literature and the Bible\* (4 cr.)  
 SO 312 Religion and Society 4

**Other Approved Electives** 4-8

*\*Recommended but not required.*

*Note: A list of courses used in the religious studies minor, beyond those that are required, must be developed in consultation with Professor Donald Dreisbach of the Philosophy Department. When approved, he will then file a copy of the list in the Degree Audits Office.*